



## **GAP Meeting Minutes June 25, 2014**

### **Members in Attendance:**

Mayor Bailey, Diana Ruiz, Jane Block, Justin Scott-Coe, Jane Block, Steve Smith, John Cook, Nathan Miller, Virginia Field, Josiah Trenham, Sheri Harris, Peter Kallinger, Janet Gillmore, Bob Stockton, Bill Warkentin, Scott Ditfurth,

### **Members Absent:**

Virginia Mckee-Leone, Lee Greer, Patricia Locke-Dawson, Hannah Burke, Duncan Webb, Erika Presley, Connie Librenjak, Tim Maloney, Cindy Roth Guramantra Khalsa,

### **Invited Guests:**

Imran Farooq, Yassamin Kavezade, **Consultant Team:** Alexa Washburn and Vanessa Thompson with National CORE, Carolina Leonhart, and Jamie Nack with Three Squares Inc., and Chris Gray with Fehr and Peers Transportation Consultants

### **Staff in Attendance:**

Randy McDaniel, Kevin Street, Michael Bacich, Ryan Bullard, Jason Tarasi, Staci Sullivan, Moises Lopez, Doug Darnell, Larry Vaupel, Taher Bahijee, Bob Tang, Jay Eastman, Aldolfo Cruz; Girish Balachandran

### **Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order at 4:05p.m. by Mayor Bailey. He opened the meeting with self-introductions and prefaced the meeting with details about the GAP meeting, history and the significance of this particular meeting to kick-off Riverside's Restorative Growthprint and Economic Prosperity Action Plan (EPAP).

#### **I. Welcome and Introductions:**

- a) Michael Bacich, Assistant General Manager for Riverside Public Utilities and Sustainability Officer for the city, thanked all member of the GAP for their continued support and engagement in the process to make the city a more sustainable place to live. He explained that as a result of their efforts the GAP committee will be a focal point for the development of Riverside's Restorative GrowthPrint and the EPAP.
- b) Ryan Bullard, Sustainability Officer for the city, went through two reports distributed prior to the meeting and posted online at

[www.greenriverside.com](http://www.greenriverside.com). The Greenhouse Gas Inventory memo was the first deliverable for the project to establish which year, 2007 or 2010, would be the best for the city to utilize for its Greenhouse Gas emissions baseline. After an audit and review of the two inventories it was determined that the 2007 draft inventory would better position the city to achieve State and local emission reduction goals. The second report, the existing conditions inventory, created a full repository of State, regional and city actions and programs that positioned the city to be on pace with a 30% reduction below the baseline by 2020. A primary driver in the large reduction of GHG emissions was Riverside Public Utilities proactive procurement on renewable power.

- c) Doug Darnell, Senior Planner and project lead discussed the scope of the project, the purpose of the meeting and the role of the GAP committee. He recognized the regional planning associate called Southern California Council of Governments (SCAG) as the sponsors of the grant that was enabling the plans' development. The funds procured the project consultant team that will help develop Riverside's Restorative GrowthPrint in conjunction with the city team comprised of Jay Eastman, Doug Darnell, Ryan Bullard and Larry Vaupel to assist in the development of both the Restorative GrowthPrint and EPAP. Doug then introduced Project Manager Alexa Washburn, Vice President of Planning with National Community Renaissance, to begin the project presentation.

## **II. Introductory Presentation and General Questions:**

- a) Alexa Washburn began the presentation by going over the history and scope of the project. She explained that Riverside will leverage a regional climate action plan to allow the city to create a more specific plan that will provide additional environmental and business benefits to the community. Additionally, since the Greenhouse Gas inventory and existing conditions memo indicates that the city is on target to meet 2020 targets that the city will use the Restorative GrowthPrint plan to meet the anticipated 2035 reduction requirements. Both the timeframe and reduction levels are in line with policies anticipated at the state level. She concluded with a timeline of the project anticipated to be completed in 16 months.

## **III. Facilitated Discussion:**

- a) Jaime Nack, the founder and president of Three Squares, Inc. who will lead the development of the EPAP, facilitated discussions on transportation, energy, water, waste and green infrastructure. Fehr and Peers' Chris Gray assisted on transportation items. Their notes are attached.

**7. Next meeting:** City Hall: September 24<sup>th</sup> 2014 (4:00 PM – 5:30 PM)

**8. Adjournment at 5:29 P.M.**